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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1939

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AS TO THE

Sanitary Conditions of Wainford Rural District

DURING THE YEAR 1939.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council
of the Wainford Rural District.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present the Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1939. This is much curtailed under Ministry circular urging economy; only positive changes are recorded beyond the routine statistics. Matters not specifically referred to may be regarded as the same as in former years.

STATISTICS.

Area. 44,871 acres.

Inhabited Houses. 1,871.

Population. 6,270.

Rateable Value. £14,334.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate. £69.

Two figures for the population are given by the Registrar-General, one for calculation of births (as above) and another for the deaths; this is 6,420. The National Register figure is 6,871. Disturbance of the numbers due to the war renders an exact figure unreliable.

Public Health Officers.

Hubert Pedler, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health.

H. W. Ellis, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Sanitary Inspector.

H. Earl, CERT. R.S.I. (part time) Sanitary Inspector.

Births.	M.	F.	*Total.*	
Live Legitimate	40	52	98	Birth-rate per 1000, 15.6.
„ Illegitimate	4	2		(Rate for England, 15).
Still Births	6	1	7	Rate per 1000 live and still births, 66.

Deaths.

All causes	39	37	76	Rate per 1000, 11·8 crude. 9·08 corrected. (Rate for England, 12·1).
Infantile Mortality:				
Legitimate	2	2	4	Rate per 1000 live births,
Illegitimate	1	—	1	51. (Rate for England, 50).

Deaths from Cancer, 4.

There were no deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, Diarrhoea (under two years), or puerperal causes.

The areal comparability factor is ·77.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Ages	0—1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	40		*Total*
Scarlet Fever ...			1		7	6						14
Pneumonia ...					1			2	4	2		9
Puerperal Pyrexia								1				1
Whooping Cough	1	1	5	2	3							12

The case of Puerperal Fever was admitted to hospital.

Measles and Whooping Cough were made notifiable from October.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Notified during the year:

1 Non-pulmonary male, aged 8.
1 „ female, aged 34. (Transfer into the district).
1 „ male, aged 7 months.

The latter two of these also died during the year.

One Pulmonary female, aged 34, notified in previous year also died.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	M	F		M	F
Influenza	1	1	Pneumonia	1	1
Tuberculosis Respiratory	—	1	Appendicitis	1	—
,, Non-respiratory	1	1	Liver disease	1	—
Cancer	3	1	Other digestive diseases ..	1	1
Diabetes	—	2	Congenital debility ...	2	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage ...	2	3	Senility	1	3
Heart Disease	10	10	Suicide	1	—
Aneurysm	0	1	Other violence	2	1
Other circulatory diseases	6	5	Other defined diseases ...	3	4
Bronchitis	2	—	Diarrhoea	1	0

HOUSING.

Previous to the suspension of projects owing to the war, 6 houses were recommended for demolition, 2 each at Barsham, St. John's and St. Michael's.

The Housing Register is being brought up-to-date and will be in readiness to prepare schemes after the removal of restrictions.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

There are no public services in the district, these being centred at Beccles, Bungay and Halesworth.

An official First-aid Point is established at St. Lawrence, and at least eight other unofficial ones have been started by the enterprise of the people at Flixton, Mettingham, Blyford, North Cove, Ringsfield, St. James, Westhall, and Worlingham. Others, no doubt, exist but their reply to enquiry is, I hope, not equal to their efficiency.

Mortuaries, for the disposal of fatal casualties, have been established with contracts for the service by undertaking firms.

It remains for me to express my thanks for the very kind reception of my appointment as Medical Officer of Health by the Council and for the help of the officials in gaining a knowledge of the district and its requirements. I feel sure it will be a pleasure to continue the work.

My special thanks are due to Dr. Levick for his orderly and clear records of past actions and correspondence.

HUBERT PEDLER,

Medical Officer of Health.

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HOUSING ACCOMMODATION.

Ten new houses have been erected by the District Council during the period in the parishes of All Saints, St. Cross and Homersfield.

Six new houses have been built by private enterprise, some with assistance.

Statutory Notices have been served under the Public Health Acts in 255 cases; 137 have been complied with. No legal proceedings have been necessary.

Twelve houses have been granted Certificates of Fitness for a period of 10 years under section 51, Housing Act, 1936.

WATER SUPPLIES.

A new water works, consisting of windmill and storage tanks has been provided in the parish of All Saints and piped to various points in the parish.

Two new wells have been sunk in the parishes of Westhall and Spexhall.

SEWERAGE.

One small sewerage disposal works has been supplied to eight Council houses at St. Andrew's.

H. W. ELLIS, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
Sanitary Inspector.